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Subject: STIP comment
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Mr. Sanchez:

Please find attached a comment on the STIP.

Thank you.

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Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Attn: Dave Sanchez
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P.O. Box 112500
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Re: STIP Comment

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

I write this letter on behalf and in support of the MENDAS CHA~AG TRIBE (Healy Lake Village), and the Cummings Road connector project.

The Intertribal Transportation Association (ITA) is a national organization organized to represent member tribes in their transportation interests and to foster the development, operation and maintenance of transportation systems of American Indian Tribes, Pueblos, Nations, Villages; or Rancherias, (Tribes).

I respectfully write to you to comment in support of the Healy Lake Access Road project also known as the Cummings Road connector as found on page 153 of the current draft STIP. The Intertribal Transportation Association (ITA) fully supports the MENDAS CHA~AG TRIBE (Healy Lake Village) in its efforts to improve the only access route for the Tribe and other residents along Cummings Road.

We request that you include this project in the 09 STIP for construction. The Tribe through contract with the Alaska State DOT&PF has already contributed over 2 million dollars to this project and the State should honor their agreement and move forward with construction in 09.

While the project continually is delayed peoples safety and well being are put at risk. The teachers for the Gerstle River School cannot always make it in for classes, medical treatment for emergency situations is severely delayed, and system users cannot get to work in Delta and Fairbanks. In addition to this the value of the money continues to decline while costs of construction continue to rise.

The current project engineer has confirmed that this project will be ready for bid by the end of February 09 given no unforeseen complications with the environmental review. However if the project is not reflected for construction in 09 there is nothing that can be done by the design team.

Thank You for the opportunity to comment on behalf of our member Tribe.

If you should have any questions or comments please call me at 406-353-8469, or Email, Cjohnhealysr@hotmail.com Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. John Healy Sr.", written in a cursive style.

C. John Healy Sr., President,
Intertribal Transportation Association.

Cc: Howard Mermelstein-Director Healy Lake Department of Transportation (MENDAS CHA~AG TRIBE)